

# Modeling of diverse mechanical and electrical losses in vehicles

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### General view

Rolling losses get more important than drag losses around cities with low speed and traffic jams

The weight of cars did increase a lot in the last 50 years, but the tendency is down again.

The auxiliaries did increase also but LEDs, improved fans, could reverse the tendency.

# Introduction

$$P_{\text{tot}} = \text{rolling loss} + \text{drag loss} + \text{altitude increase} + \text{auxiliaries}$$

## Technical:

Altitude and kinetic energy can be partly recovered in EV and HEV

Higher efficiencies from plug to wheel

Better electric motors, transistors: better Si, SiC, GaN : III-V semiconductors

Conventional ICE: downsizing and phase shift in valve control.

⇒ **mechanical losses get important for possible improvements in ICE-V and BE-V**

ICE car driver:

**“Liter/100km”**

1000 km range

= average in altitude, wind

Many times A-B and B-A

BEV driver:

**From “A to B”**

“range anxiety”?

Altitude, wind

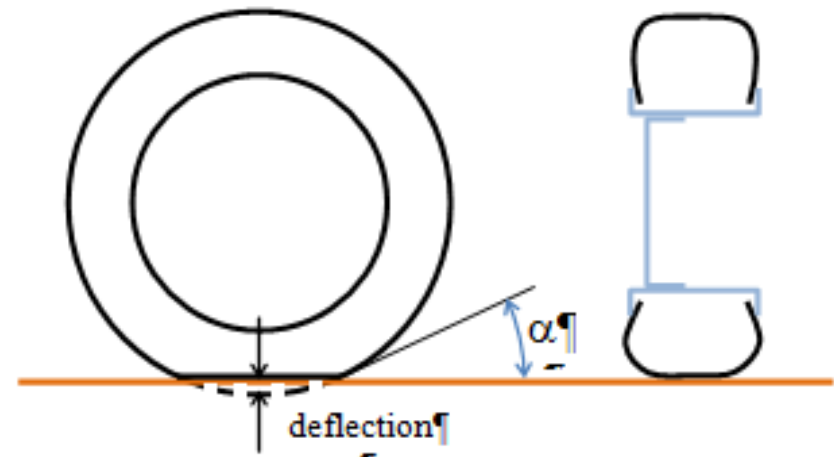
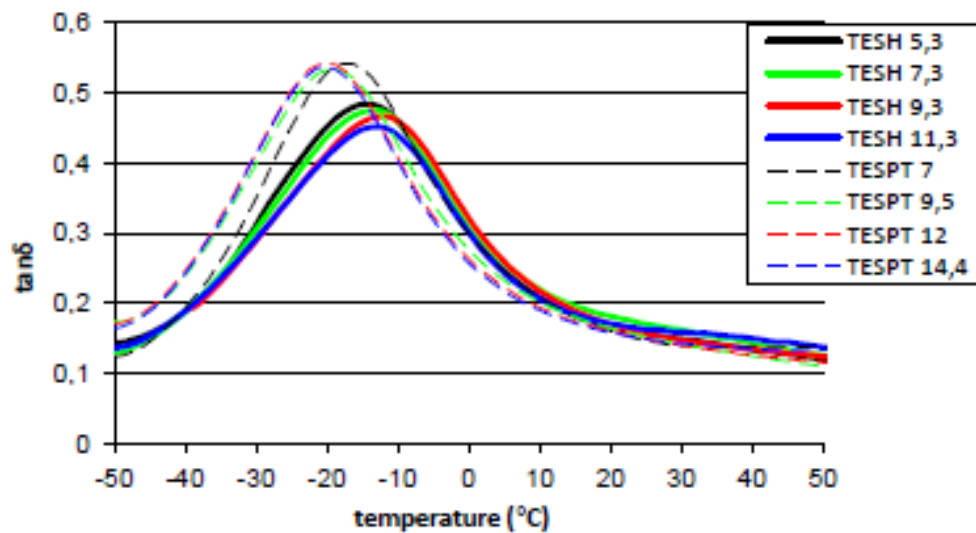
= more important

Improvements?  
Conventional – BEV?

Global:  
CO<sub>2</sub>, resources

## Rolling losses

$$F_R = g M C_R$$



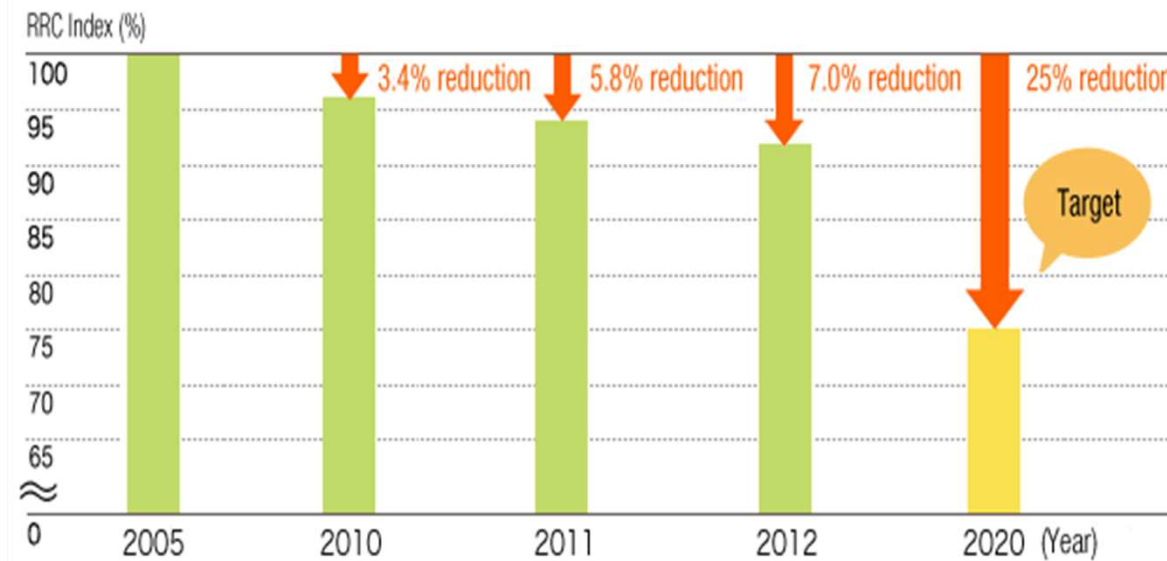
Side and thread has less losses at high pressure

Thread blocks have more losses at high pressure, but less mass in the blocks

More losses in a new tire as blocs get more peak deformation

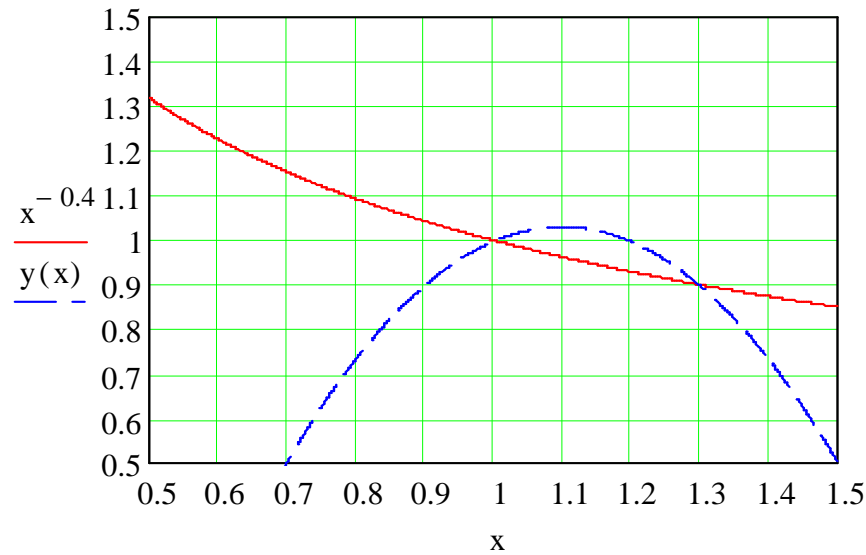
# *Rolling losses*

## Possible evolution of rolling resistance



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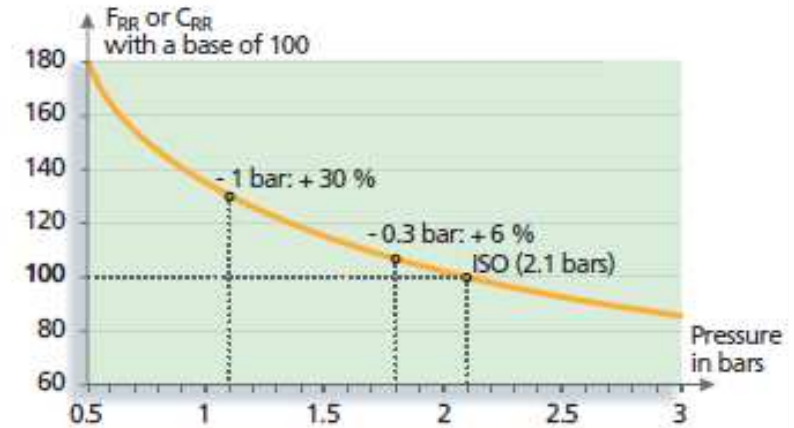
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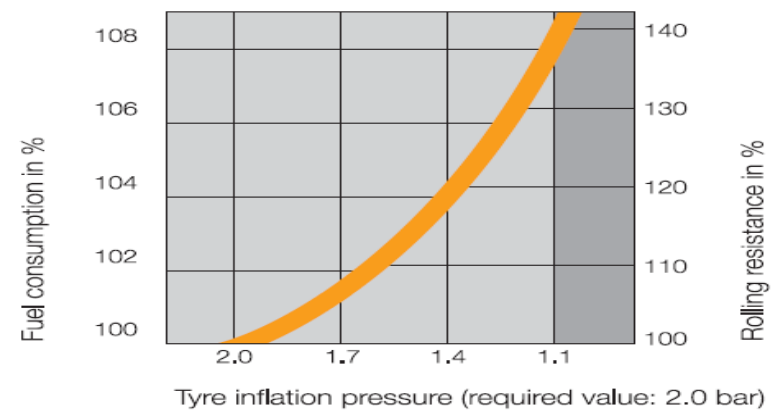
Rolling resistance: red  
Lifetime: dashed blue  
Depending on relative tire pressure

$$F_R = g M C_{Rref} \left( \frac{p}{p_{ref}} \right)^{-\alpha}$$

$$y(x) = 1.033 - 3.3 \left( \frac{p}{p_{ref}} - 1.1 \right)^2$$



Michelin,[10]



Continental [14]



# Rolling losses

Thermal capacity of tire: 11.8 kJ/K

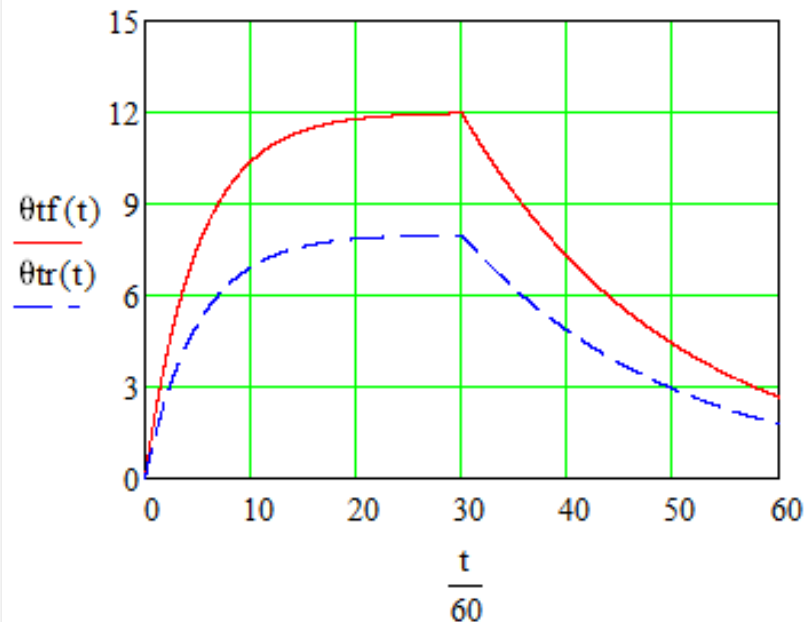
$$C_{th} = W_r c_{pr} + W_{st} c_{pfe}$$

Typical thermal resistance

While driving: 0.025 K/W.

Standstill: 0.113 K/W

Time constant = Capacity \* resistance



Typical tire temperature rise in [K]  
for:

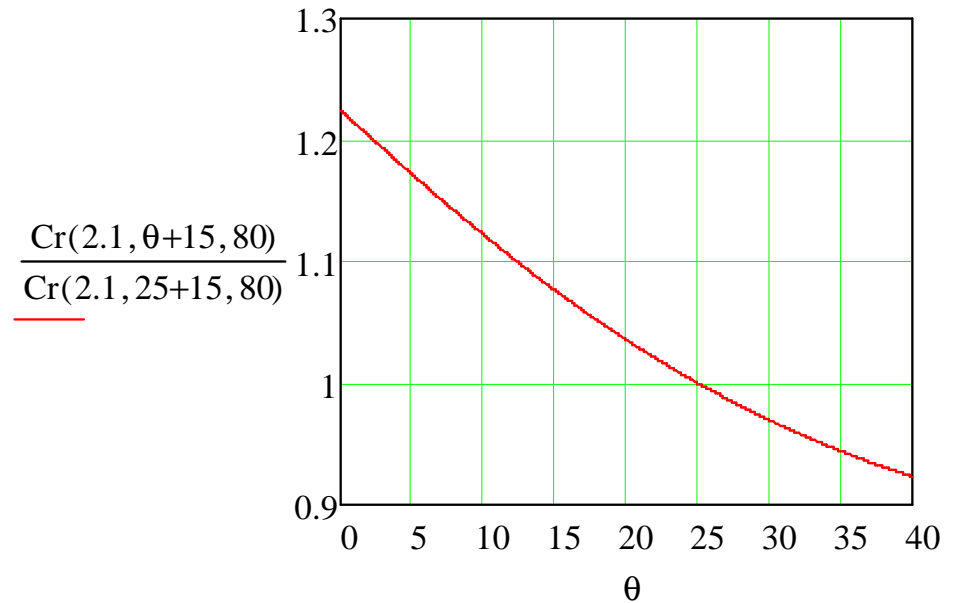
- front tire  $\theta_{tf}$  (red)
  - rear tire  $\theta_{tr}$  (blue, dashed)
- For a conventional car (Punto Evo)  
30 minute driving  
(5 and 20 minute time constants)

# Rolling losses

$$C_R(p, \theta, c) = 0.85 \left( \frac{\left( \frac{p}{p_{ref}} \right)^{-0.4} \left( \frac{Z}{Z_{ref}} \right)^{-0.15}}{1 + 0.35 \tanh\left(\frac{\theta - 25}{40}\right)} + \left( \frac{c}{500} \right)^2 \right)$$

“Collected tire equation”:

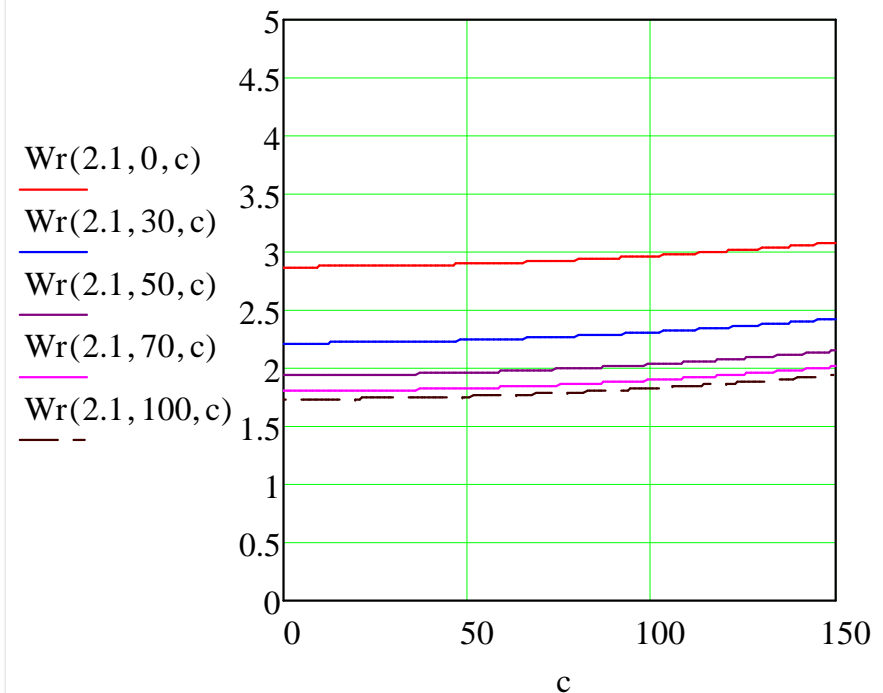
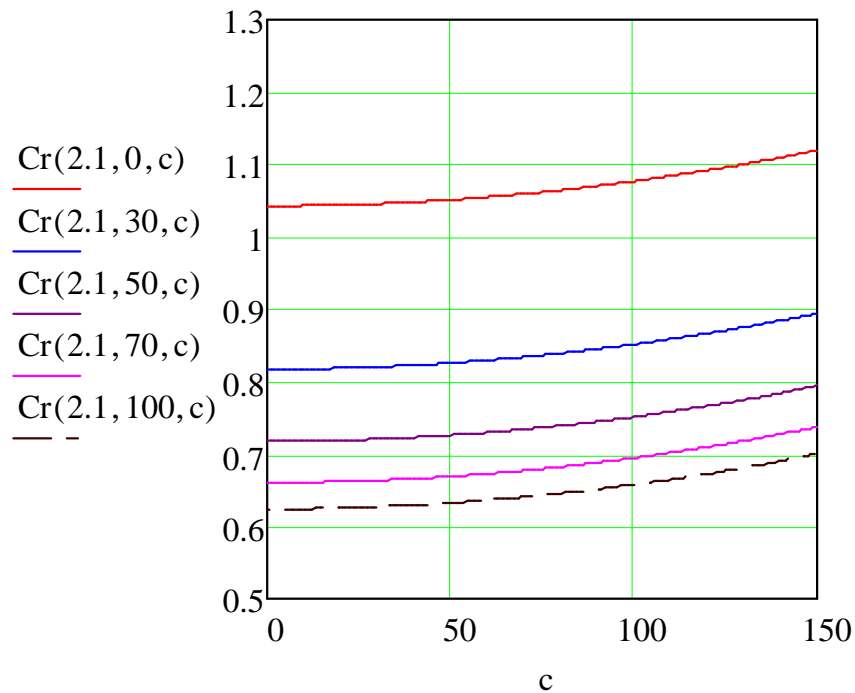
- $p$ : Pressure
- $Z$ : Load
- $\theta$ : tire temperature
- $c$ : speed [km/h]



Effect of ambient temperature  
On rolling coefficient  
At 15K rise compared to ambient



# Rolling losses



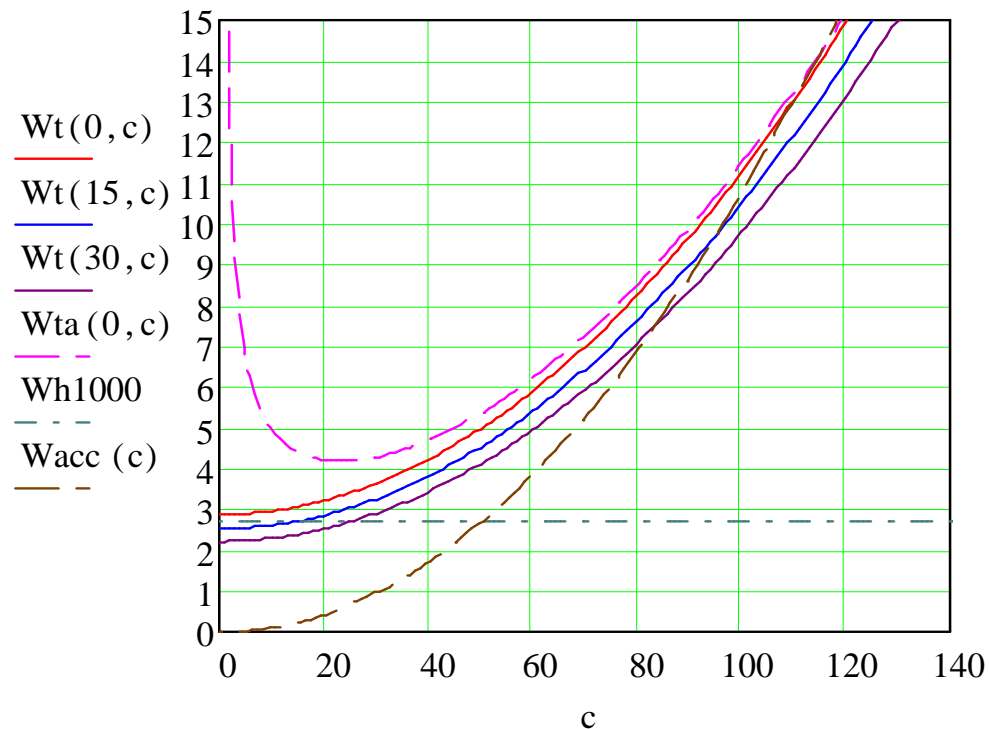
Effect of tire temperature and speed:

Left: rolling coefficient [%]

Right: consumption [kWh/100km]

$$C_R(p, \theta, c) = 0.85 \left( \frac{\left( \frac{p}{p_{ref}} \right)^{-0.4} \left( \frac{Z}{Z_{ref}} \right)^{-0.15}}{1 + 0.35 \tanh\left(\frac{\theta - 25}{40}\right)} + \left( \frac{c}{500} \right)^2 \right)$$

# Total losses



## Overview

$W_t$ : Rolling + acceleration, at 0, 15, 30 °C, (tire and air)

$W_{ta}$ : total = Rolling + drag + auxiliaries (200W) at 0°C

$W_h$ : 1000m climbing in 100km

$W_{acc}$ : accelerating each km without recovery.

## Altitude & Acceleration

$$W_a = M \Delta h \times g$$

is 9.81 MJ/1000m/ton  
= 2.725 kWh/1000m/ton

$$P_{acc}(c) = M (c/3.6) a$$

Is a Lower weight possible?

Yes 50 years ago, even 100 years ago...

Or old timer conversions?

Extreme designs can get down to 30kg

- *Citroën Mehari*, 570kg [17]
- *Fiat 500*, 1957, 499kg
- *Renault 4* 1961 540kg
- *Volkswagen beetle*: 750kg [18]
- *New beetle* 1274–1505 kg
- *Apal Buggy converted to electric (beetle chassis)*: 700 kg

# Weight



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100 years ago Smith Flyer USA  
1914-1920  
About 100 kg  
Briggs and Stratton  
+ afterwards electric



Local future BEV  
Elbev type: < 100kg, 80km/h  
Will be changed to ULBEC  
With improved design



WAW: human powered 30kg  
E-WAW: human+electric assistance 250W, 35kg  
[www.fietser.be](http://www.fietser.be)

# Drag & Wind

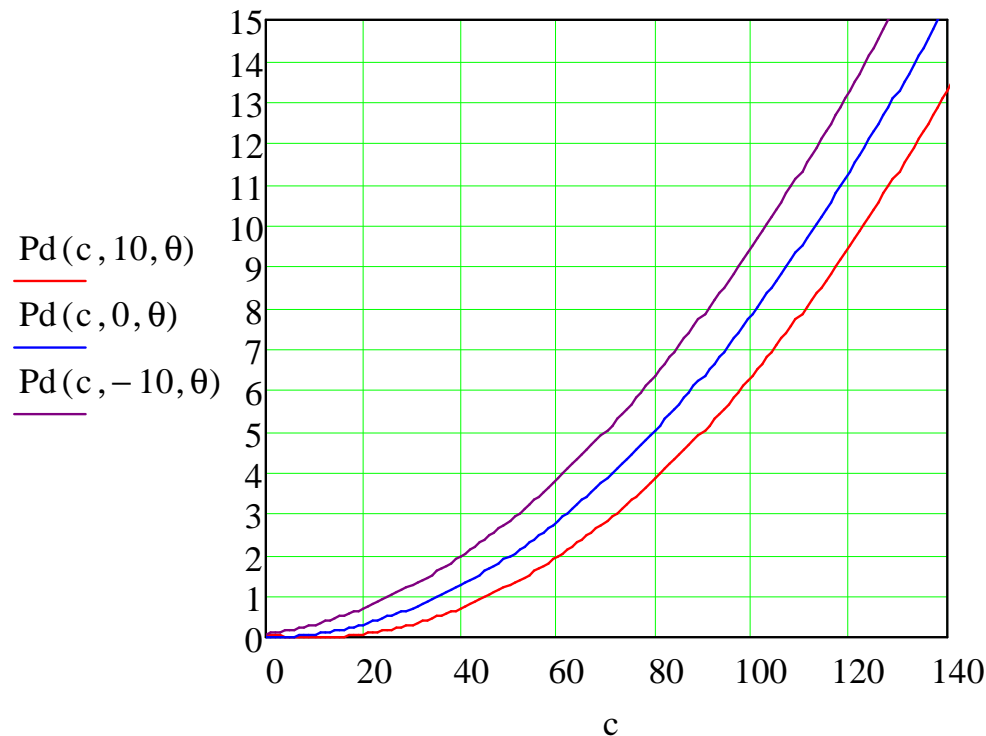
Drag including local wind

$$Fd(c, c_{wx}) = \frac{1}{2} A C_d \rho_o \frac{273}{\theta + 273} \left( \frac{c - c_{wx}}{3.6} \right)^2 \frac{10^5}{3.6 \times 10^6}$$

Drag

- Without wind
- +10km/h
- -10km/h

Look at 60km/h,  
Still a strong influence!

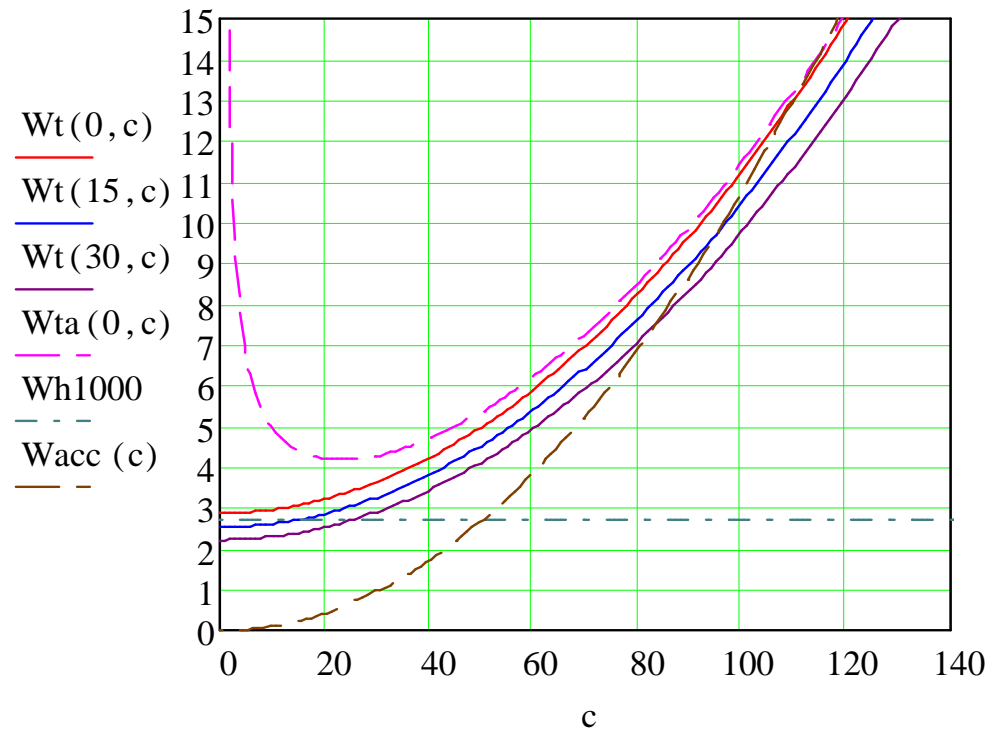


## Total: *Rolling, Drag, Altitude, Acceleration, Auxiliaries*

Total losses: shown curves

- ✓ 0°C, 15°C, 30°C tire - air
- ✓ 0°C + 200W aux.
- ✓ Acceleration each km
- ✓ 1000m climbing for 100km

Drag and tire :  
temperature effects included





# Idling losses Gasoline & Diesel engines

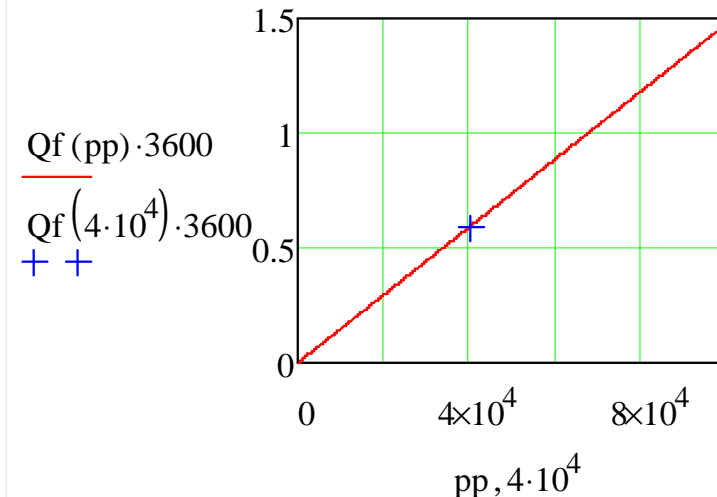
Idling for a 4stroke gasoline  
= throttle valve loss  
gasoline engine at 800rpm  
 $\approx 0.6$  Liter/hour/1000cc

Idling for a pure diesel engine

- 0.4-0.5 Liter/hour/1000cc
- Mainly friction loss

But

- 1 liter/h start stop + good driver
- 2 liter/h normal car + normal driver
- 3 liter/hour for SUV



Gasoline consumption at 800rpm/1000cc

As function of pressure after throttle

- Pressure in [Pa]
- Flow in liter/hour

Solution for idling losses?

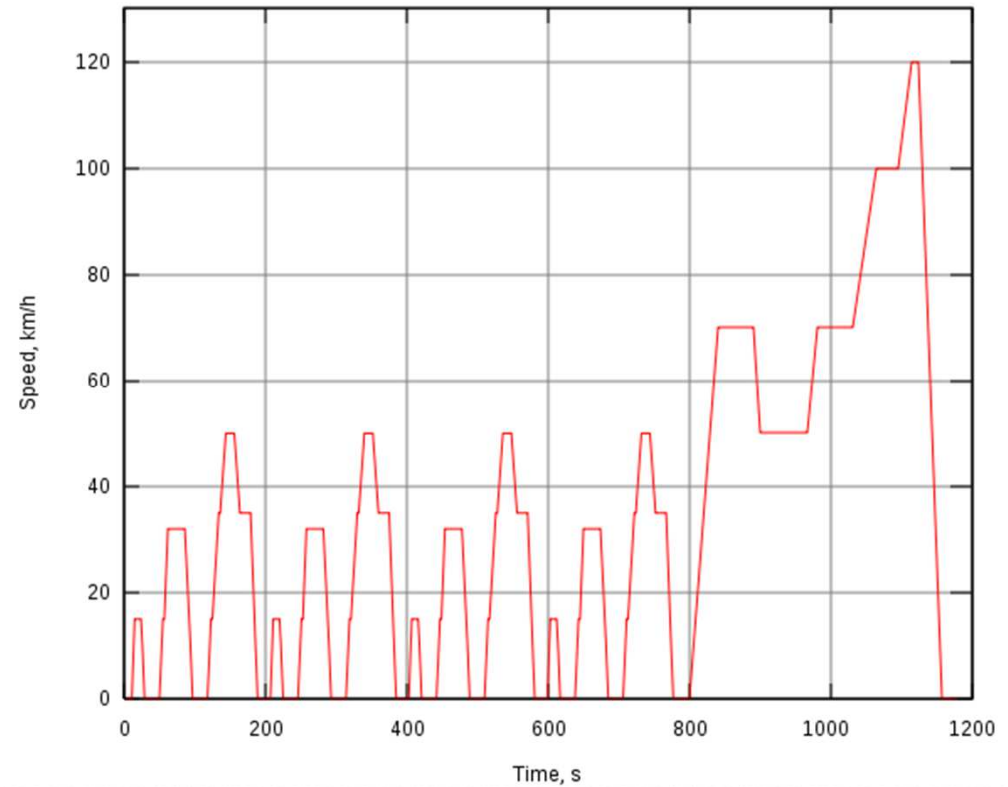
- Start-stop
- Downsizing
- Series hybrid?

# Standard test NEDC

Standard tests?

NEDC

- Different from reality: **why?**
- 17 reasons are identified
- Corrected for error in dashboard meter
- Fiat Punto EVO
- Listed at 3.5 l/100km
- 1200kg.



NEDC speed profile  
New European Driving Cycle

## Tricks to get at NEDC

17 reasons are identified => listed NEDC of 3.5 l/100km is reached

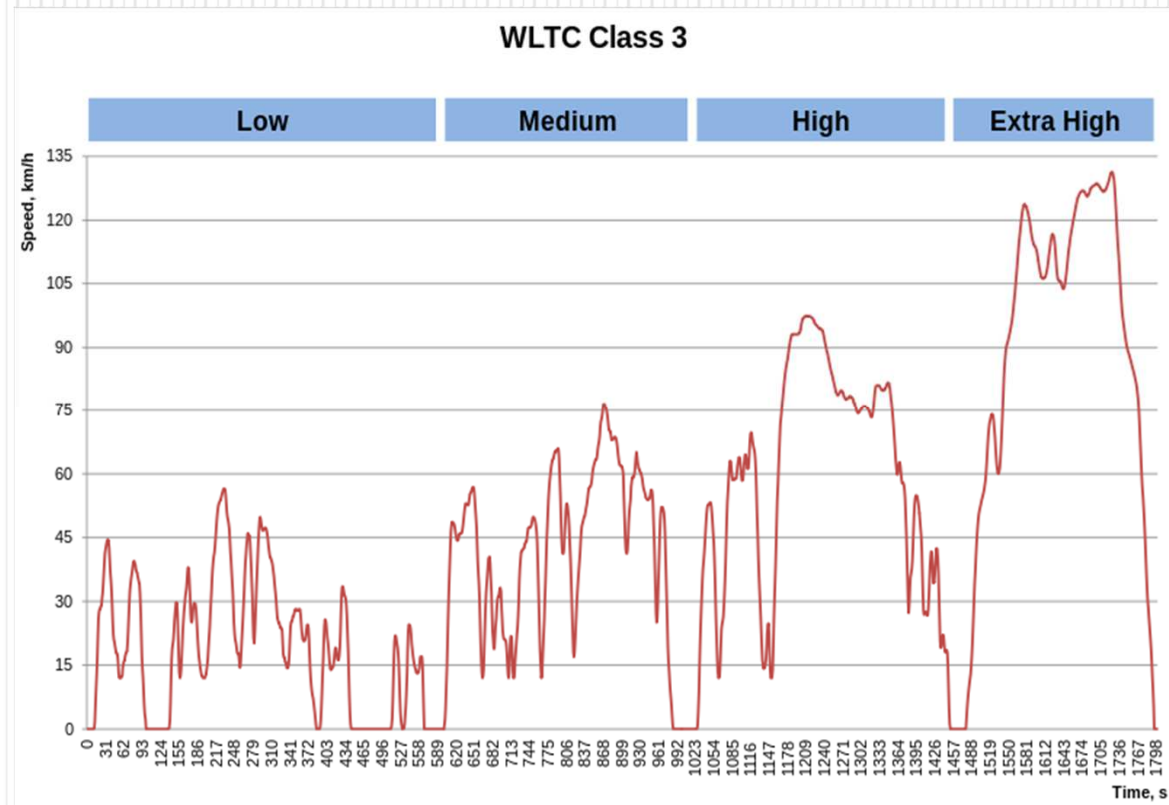
1. Ambient temperature **above 20°C** (tire, aerodynamic friction, gear oil).
2. Tires inflated at **260 kPa** compared to 220 kPa normal (<350kPa = tire specification)
3. **No lights** on, no high fan (= reduced auxiliaries).
4. **Air conditioning off.**
5. **No traffic jam**, about 30 stops/100km.
6. Buying a 2-door model, as a 4-door model weighs more but is **listed with the same consumption** in the NEDC standard.
7. **Not below 15 000 km**, this is avoiding the run-in period.
8. **Not** with rather **new tires**.
9. Outside city, each 100km run the diesel at idle for 3 seconds at **5000 rpm to clean** the engine
10. **Removing the spare wheel** and replace it with a repair kit.
11. **Oil level** between 40 and 60% between minimum and maximum (in the maintenance they put often too much oil)
12. **Driving-style** with some freewheeling, (but still motor on), rather low rpm, motor braking at about 2000rpm is used to charge the accumulator
13. **Slow deceleration** towards traffic lights when traffic permits.
14. Typical speeds **between 40 and 95 km/h**,
15. Sometimes at 50m (not closer for safety) **behind a truck** at highway.
16. **Covering the radiator** for 70% (improving the drag and to limit the cooling of the gear) it can be done below 25°C
17. Some **0.3% acetone** in the diesel (improves mileage at low torque)

# Standard test WLTC

Standard tests?

WLTC

- About  $1.5\text{m/s}^2$
- ( $\leftrightarrow 0.5\text{m/s}^2$  for NEDC)
- But no sustained speeds of 5-10km/h as in today traffic jams: also this test: **will be too optimistic....**
- Above  $20^\circ\text{C}$  (but a variant in Europe with including also a test at  $-7^\circ\text{C}$  = OK)



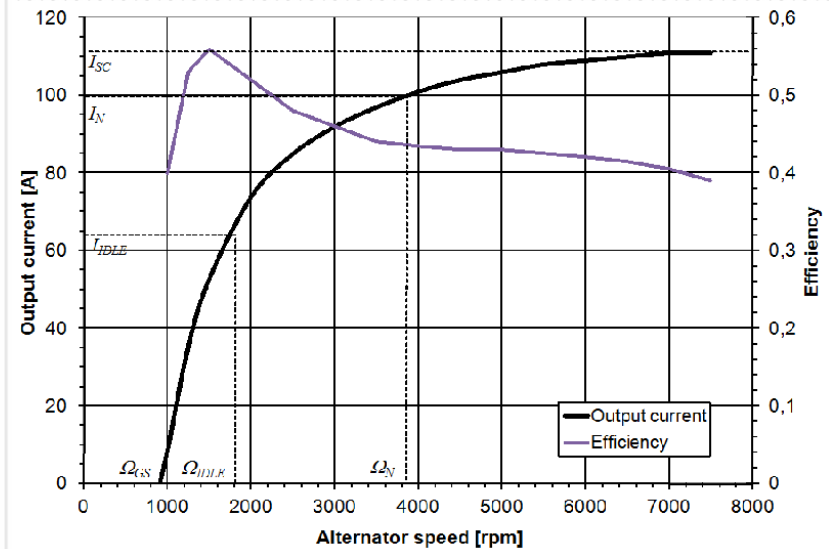
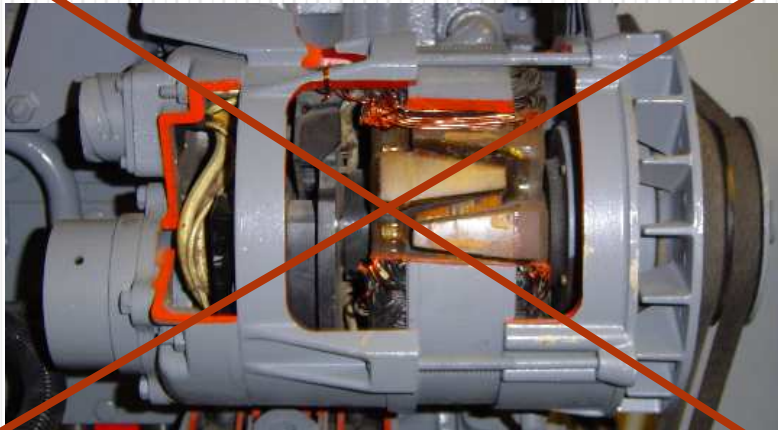
WLTP speed profile

World harmonized Light Vehicles Test Procedures /  
Cycles

# Improvements

Improvements in electric in traditional ICE cars:

- Lower weight, downsizing, hybrid
- Use a better alternative for the Lundell alternator
- Performance in traffic jam?
- Led lamps instead of filament
- More efficient fans
- White color, reduce sunlight penetration and insulation to reduce airco needs



[Power Electronic Solutions to Improve the Performance of Lundell Automotive Alternators]

# Improvements

## Improvements in Electric cars?

- **Lower weight** down to <100kg/person
- Losses of drive <20% of roll and drag
- Performance in traffic jam?
- Led lamps instead of filament lamps.
- More efficient fans
- White color and insulation to reduce airco needs if it is really needed?
- Fan on PV panel to ventilate when parked in the sun

Electric motor efficiency is achieved, for example the drive of Prius (see right) is good but:

- Heavy weight 1317kg
  - The ICE of the Prius v is still 1000 even 1800cc, too large, some 4.1 liter/100km without emptying battery.
- [[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toyota\\_Prius\\_v](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toyota_Prius_v)]

Pure ICE and pure electric cars have a lower consumption

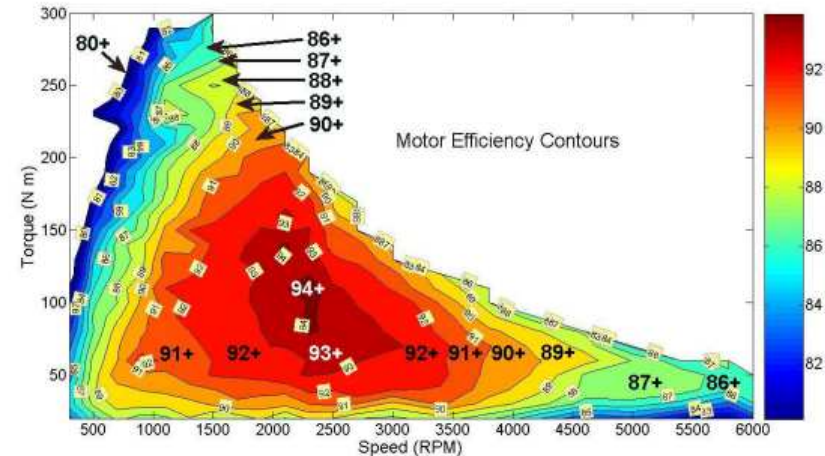
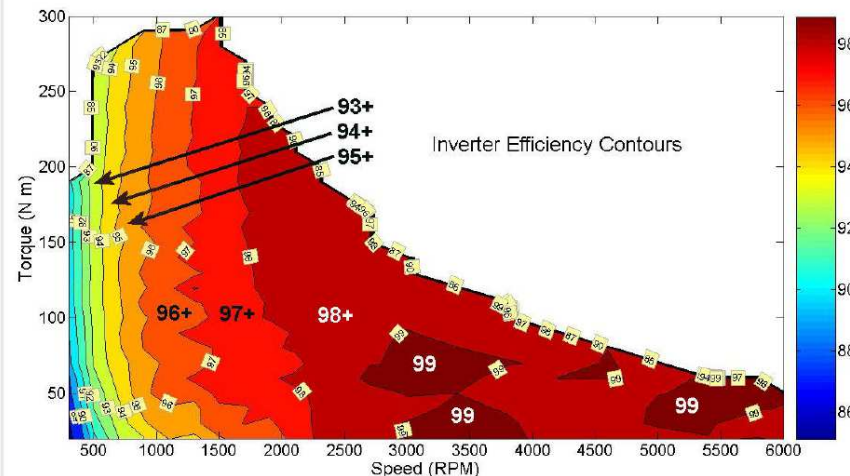


Fig. 3.18. 2004 Prius motor efficiency contour map.



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## Conclusion

- Reduce weight, for rolling loss
- Reduce weight, for kinetic energy losses
- Reduce weight, for altitude changes (BEV)
- Reduce auxiliaries (LED, better fan)
- Get better electric efficiencies (in BEV and Lundell generator)



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